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In response to the notification mailed April 2, 2002, it is requested that this application proceed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.43. Dr. Rushbrooke is legally incapacitated, and the power of attorney given to Claire E. Hooper provides her with the authority, as the legal representative, to take action in this application. The document, identified as "Limited Power Of Attorney For Business", was submitted with the Declaration for this application.

A further Declaration is being obtained.

Examination of the application is awaited, and requests for any further information should be directed to the writer.

Respectfully submitted,

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